

SNOWBIRD WILDERNESS OUTFITTERS

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**TEACHING THE BIBLE TO  
STUDENTS**

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# GOALS

- ▶ To teach in such a way to apply God's Word to our lives
- ▶ To realize the importance of the way in which we teach
- ▶ To make the Bible accessible for them to study for themselves

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## WHAT ARE WE FIGHTING AGAINST?

- ▶ The effects of the postmodern movement
- ▶ Deconstruction in language
- ▶ The death of the author
- ▶ Reader response

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## THE IMPORTANCE OF THE AUTHOR'S INTENT

- ▶ Nobody wants to be misinterpreted... especially God
- ▶ "Objective truth does not mean uninterpreted truth. Objectivity inner knowledge of truth means that our interpretation lines up with God's interpretation of it. Thinking God's thoughts after Him is not the same thing as guessing or having opinions. The standard of absolute knowledge is how God knows a thing." - Doug Wilson

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# CAPTOR – CONTEXT

- ▶ Historical
- ▶ Literary

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# CAPTOR - ANALYSIS

- ▶ Narrative
- ▶ Pay attention to the overall narrative of the Bible (metanarrative)
- ▶ It's all about Jesus, but not in the same way
- ▶ Details matter
- ▶ Genesis 38
- ▶ Watch how the author uses dialogue to make his point

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# CAPTOR - ANALYSIS

- ▶ The Bible is God's (true) story about salvation.
- ▶ Follow the stories
  - ▶ Hero => Setting => Conflict => Climax => Resolution
- ▶ Look for themes and motifs

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# CAPTOR - ANALYSIS

- ▶ Discourse
- ▶ Grammar matters
- ▶ Pay attention to connecting words
- ▶ Our goal is to catch a ride on the author's train of thought
- ▶ Think in paragraphs
- ▶ Draw a picture



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## CAPTOR – PROBLEMS

- ▶ Any term, phrase, concept, custom or teaching that we don't understand.
- ▶ Study slowly and ask questions
- ▶ 2 Peter 3:16, Ruth 3, James 2 and Galatians 2
- ▶ Factual and Cultural Problems

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## CAPTOR – THEMES

- ▶ There is a time to teach thematically
- ▶ Treat topics biblically
- ▶ Be careful with word studies
- ▶ Look at how the whole Bible treats a subject and base it off of a specific text

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## CAPTOR – OBLIGATIONS

- ▶ Description vs Prescriptions
- ▶ We have to land the plane
- ▶ Remember 2 Timothy 3:16
- ▶ Determine the original meaning, Find the principle, Apply the principle to today, Verify your conclusions with Scripture.
- ▶ We cannot be silent. Preach honestly!

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## CAPTOR – REFLECTIONS

- ▶ “Reflection is the vital art of finding and applying the unique point of a biblical text and relating that point onto the redemptive message of the whole Bible.” - Doriani
- ▶ There can be multiple applications to the same passage
- ▶ We must always point to Jesus and the Gospel (Luke 24)